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SUBJECT: URUGUAYAN PRESS REACTION TO OUSTER OF "EXCELSIOR
LEADERSHIP"

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THE ONLY REACTION TO THE EPISODE THUS FAR APPEARED JULY 11 IN
THE PRO-GOU PAPER EL PAIS WHICH, IN A SHORT EDITORIAL ENTITLED
"A DIRTY GAME", SAID:

"IN A VERY CONFUSING EPISODE, THE DIRECTOR OF THE MEXICAN DAILY
EXCELSIOR, JULIO SCHERER, WAS DISMISSED FROM HIS POST. ACCORDING
TO SOME INTERPRETATIONS OF THE EPISODE, IT RELATES TO AN ATTEMPT
ON THE PART OF THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT TO CURTAIL THE INDEPENDENCE
OF THE AFOREMENTIONED DAILY, WHICH HAS SHOWN EXCESSIVE INDEPEN-
DENCE, ACCORDING TO THE OPINION OF SOME IN MEXICO.

"FOR OUR PART AND NOT BEING A PART OF SUCH AN INTERPRETATION, WE
REMEMBER THAT THE DISMISSED EDITOR OF THE EXCELSIOR VISITED URUGUAY
LAST SUMMER AND TOOK ADVANTAGE OF HIS PRESENCE AMONG US TO WRITE
IN HIS PAPER A SERIES OF ARTICLES INJURIOUS TO OUR COUNTRY AND TO
OUR GOVERNMENT. THIS IS ACCORDING TO THE CUSTOM OF THAT AND
OTHER MEXICAN NEWSPAPERS, SOME OF WHICH REFLECT THE OPINION OF OR
TAKE THEIR INSPIRATION FROM ELEMENTS WHICH HAD TO EXILE THEMSELVES
FROM OUR COUNTRY AND WHO, NEVERTHELESS, BEING FAR FROM THE CENTER
OF POWER GIVE THEIR OPINION WITH EQUANAMITY OVER OUR AFFAIRS.

"IN ANY CASE, THE EPISODE OF THE NEWSPAPER EXCELSIOR DOES NOT
SHED HONOR ON MEXICO, ON ITS GOVERNMENT NOT ON ITS PRESS."

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